

APPROVED: Meeting No. 22-81

ATTEST: *Helen Heneghan*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 17-81

May 12, 1981

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, May 12, 1981, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor William E. Hanna, Jr.

Councilman Steve Abrams
(Arrived at 8:30 p.m. and
left at 11:30 p.m.)

Councilwoman Phyllis Fordham
(Arrived at 9:05 p.m.)

Councilman John Freeland

Councilman John Tyner

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Clerk Helen Heneghan.

Re: Public Hearing: Proposed
Operating Budget, Use of
Revenue Sharing Funds,
Capital Improvements Program,
and Intent to Set the Tax
Rate Higher than the Constant
Yield Tax Rate

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on the Proposed Operating Budget, C.I.P., Use of General Revenue Sharing Funds, and Intent to Raise the Tax Rate, and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed and said materials would be received as long as the work session is in progress on Saturday, May 16, 1981.

Re: Work Session

The Mayor and Council continued their work session on the proposed operating budget.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AREA

Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning

The Council made no changes.

Mass Transportation

The Council made no changes.

Street Maintenance

The Council made no changes.

Street Design and Construction

The Council made no changes.

Traffic Operations

The Council made no changes.

Snow and Ice Control

The Council made no changes.

Bikeways

The Council made no changes.

Pedestrian Ways

Councilman Abrams asked if the sidewalks are up to date in the Research Boulevard Area. The City Manager said they are. Councilwoman Fordham asked the status of speed humps in the City. Mr. Goodin said the deliberations on the speed humps continues on schedule. The Traffic and Transportation Commission out of five possibilities has selected two. The Council asked that the process be accelerated so the speed hump situation can be resolved.

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Storm Water Management

The Council and staff agreed that a raise in fees might be in order and the Council asked that the staff's recommendations be forthcoming.

Historic Preservation

The Council made no changes.

Leaf Collection

Mayor Hanna suggested that there be two collections in the spring. There was no support for this suggestion.

Right-of-Way Maintenance and Beautification

The Council made no changes.

Street Sanitation

The Council made no changes.

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal

Councilman Tyner suggested that the staff look into curbside-pick ups. Mayor Hanna said at this time he would prefer not to consider this at all.

Sewage Disposal

The Council made no changes.

Sewage Collection

The Council made no changes.

Sewage Utilities System Construction

The Council made no changes.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM

Water Treatment

The Council made no changes.

Utility Billing and Customer Service

The Council made no changes.

Water Distribution

The Council made no changes.

Water System Construction

The staff was asked about the need for replacement due to orangeburg pipe. Mr. Morningstar said there is no problem at this time and it can be handled on an as-needed basis.

Street Lighting

The Council made no changes.

Animal Control

The Council made no changes.

Police Activities

The Mayor and Council conducted a lengthy discussion with the Chief of Police concerning police activities and the possibility of increasing the force. Several suggestions were put forth, one suggestion by the Mayor was a pilot project in which the City would hire an officer and lease or purchase a home in a particular part of the City where that officer would live. He would be in a sense a "neighborhood officer" twenty-four hours a day. The pros and cons of this suggestion were debated by the Mayor and Council. The Mayor preferred some type of pilot project be brought forward that would put the accent on a viable community presence by the police. The Council's feelings was that the police force should be kept at full strength at all times. This could be done by possibly adding two or three positions that would be activated as positions were vacated. Councilman Freeland felt this should be done and two officers should be added. Councilwoman Fordham also agreed at the full staffing and she suggested that one officer to patrol the streets be added. Councilman Tyner suggested waiting to make a decision until Mr. Abrams was present. The Council agreed to Councilman Tyner's suggestion.

Re: Adjournment

On motion of Councilman Freeland, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. to convene again in work session on Wednesday, May 13, 1981, at 8:00 p.m.